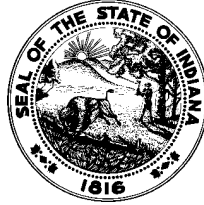

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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 16, 2018

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the emergency management of Gary Community School Corporation and Muncie Community Schools and actions of the Distressed Unit Appeal Board ("DUAB") executive director since the last Executive Director's Report on December 13, 2017. The information below should not be considered complete documentation of all actions taken by the emergency managers, as the statements below highlight only specific actions taken by the emergency managers and meetings held in the timeframe covered by this report.

Gary Community School Corporation

- The emergency management team held two meetings with the Fiscal Management Board in December 2017 and January 2018. The first meeting provided the opportunity for the Fiscal Management Board to provide thoughts and recommendations on potential financial options for inclusion in the Deficit Reduction Plan. At the second meeting, the emergency management team presented a draft of the Deficit Reduction Plan for further comment and feedback. The Deficit Reduction Plan was submitted to DUAB on January 31, 2018.
- The emergency management team conducted community dialogues regarding school closure and grade reconfiguration on January 17 and January 23. The first session was held at Wirt-Emerson Visual and Performing Arts High Ability Academy, and the second session was held at West Side Leadership Academy. Both sessions included a tour of the facility, followed by a presentation and public discussion.
- The emergency management team has established a Community Advisory Committee, composed of key stakeholders from the Gary community. Members of the Committee attended the community dialogue meetings and have met an additional time to discuss potential school closures.
- The emergency management team has been working with Ivy Tech Northwest to establish a memorandum of understanding that would place Ivy Tech's welding and building trade programs at Gary Career Center.
- The emergency management team and Mr. Moody, CFO, have worked with Peoples Bank to restore direct deposit of employee paychecks.
- The emergency manager is currently completing a process for filling the School Board vacancy, which will include public interviews of applicants in conjunction with the School Board.

Muncie Community Schools

- The emergency management team assumed its new role on January 1, 2018. The team has been holding meetings with administrators and staff to get up-to-speed on current projects and needs and to address questions and concerns.
- The emergency management team and the DUAB Executive Director met with the School Board at the start of January to discuss the emergency manager's role in relation to the School Board.
- The emergency management team has also been meeting with other stakeholders and vendors on various projects, including the Mayor, Muncie Public Library, the Open Door Clinic, and Chartwells (food service provider).
- Bob Coddington, CFO, resigned as of February 1, 2018. The emergency management team has posted the vacancy and is currently taking applications. The emergency management team is filling the responsibilities of this role while the position is vacant.
- The sale of three vacant elementary properties – Mitchell, Storer and Sutton – to the Muncie Redevelopment Commission has fallen through at this point in time. The emergency management team continues to explore other options for the sale of these facilities.